



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Between East and West: The Repercussions of Changing Turkish Foreign
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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	10
	Theoretical/conceptua l framework	30	25
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	30
<i>Total</i>		<i>80</i>	65
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		<i>20</i>	20
TOTAL		100	85



Evaluation

Major criteria:

This is an interesting thesis looking at the repercussions of Turkish foreign policy, reflecting a question whether Turkey still remains a reliable partner for the West. Though I highly appreciate the efforts invested into a wide undertaking, I must admit that the dissertation would benefit from a clearer research design. The author does offer an insightful theoretical discussion grounded in mostly constructivist FPA, however, the discussion is unevenly distributed across several sections of the text. This is a shame as the author is clearly oriented in the theoretical discussions and fully capable of analysing such a voluminous subject.

While theoretically rich, the dissertation effectively covers various levels of analysis connected with Turkish foreign policy. The paper generally reads very well, and the arguments are persuasive. Additionally, I appreciate the synthesising conclusion, revealing a clear grasp of the subject matter.

Minor criteria:

The thesis is well-crafted and based on a rich resource base.

Overall evaluation:

In sum, this is a solid piece of honest research that at times loses its bearings due to the lack of a clear theoretical guidance.

Suggested grade:

B

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